

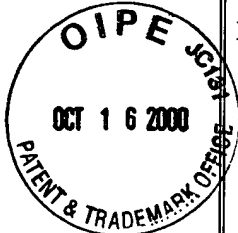
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Salkoff *et al.*

Application No.: 09/176,664

Filed: October 21, 1998

For: **pH SENSITIVE POTASSIUM
CHANNEL IN SPERMATOCYTES**

Examiner: Nirmal S. Basi

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed April 10, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months, from July 10, 2000, to October 10, 2000, is enclosed (in triplicate). Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 26 as follows.

Please add new claims 45-48 as follows.

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